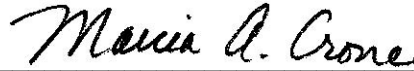


**ORDERED** that plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (#6) is **DENIED**. Plaintiff shall pay the filing fee of \$405.00 within thirty (30) days from the date of this order.

Plaintiff's failure to comply with this order may result in the dismissal of this lawsuit pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b).

SIGNED at Beaumont, Texas, this 9th day of December, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Marcia A. Crone". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

MARCIA A. CRONE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE